

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 22, 2004

FROM: Dennis Hansberger, Supervisor - Third District
Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF CORONER AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR TO
APPOINTED OFFICES

RECOMMENDATION: Direct County Counsel and CAO to prepare the necessary documents to place a measure on the ballot to make the Coroner and the Public Administrator offices appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently, both the Coroner and the Public Administrator are required by state law to be elected offices. Both offices are currently consolidated and being filled by the Coroner. Recent discussions as a part of the budget hearings have focused on the possibility of merging the Coroner's Office, along with the Public Administrator function, with the Sheriff. This item would change these two offices, to make them appointed by the Board of Supervisors, rather than elected. Appointment by the Board of Supervisors of these two offices would enable the Board to determine the most efficient method of providing services to the public.

Government Code section 24009 permits any county elective office to become appointed upon presenting a proposal before the voters and approval of the proposal by a majority of the votes cast.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Ruth Stringer, Assistant County Counsel) on June 14, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Dennis Hansberger

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